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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: BIOSPHERE RESERVES,
BERING SEA PROJECT, 02.05-41

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED AUGUST 30 TO KAZAKOV
OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR YURIY: AS A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO YOUR MAY PROPOSAL
REGARDING A POSSIBLE 1977 JOINT US-USSR CRUISE IN THE BEARING
SEA ABOARD A HYDROMET RESEARCH VESSEL UNDER THE BIOSPHERE
RESERVE PROJECT (02.05-41), WE ARE PRESENTLY PLANNING OUR PRO-
POSALS FOR SUCH A CRUISE. IN ORDER TO CLEARLY OUTLINE THE
NATURE OF OUR PROPOSED ON-BOARD RESEARCH, WE REQUIRE THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) WHEN EXACTLY WILL THE SHIP BE AVAILABLE DURING 1977?

(B) DOES THE SHIP HAVE HELICOPTER PAD?

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(C) DOES THE SHIP HAVE AN ICE-STRENGTHENED HULL FOR

OPERATING ADJACENT TO THE RECEDING ICE FRONT?

(D) WHAT ARE THE DETAILS OF THE SHIP'S BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SAMPLING CAPABILITIES, E.G., WINCHES AND TRAWLING CAPABILITY (SIZE, ETC.)?

(E) WHAT ARE THE DETAILS OF THE SHIP'S METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTATION, INCLUDING EXPOSURE AND RESOLUTION?

(F) DOES THE SHIP HAVE ANYTHING LIKE A 'CLEAN ROOM' FOR SPECIAL CHEMICAL ANALYSES?

(G) WHAT ARE THE SHIP'S ON-BOARD CALIBRATION AND INSTRUMENTATION REPAIR CAPABILITIES?

WE HOPE TO SEND YOU OUR PROPOSAL IN SEPTEMBER. SINCERELY,
BILL BROWN" KISSINGER

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